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Reports from London—Further concerning the case of plague at Cardiff.

LONDON, ENGLAND, February 9, 1901.

SIR: Confirming my cablegram of the 8th instant, I have the honor to give the following account of the case of plague at Cardiff. The victim was employed in a flour mill and had been gathering up dead rats and carrying them to the furnace. January 27 he was taken ill and died February 1, and the diagnosis of plague was confirmed bacteriologically. One other suspicious case has not been definitely determined, but probably was a simple infection. It would seem that the rats were infected in Cardiff before the case quoted above, but the source is unknown, being probably from some vessel from an infected port.

There is no further development in the plague situation at Hull. One further member of the crew has died, the physician is convalescent, and the vessel, after discharging her cargo of cotton seed into lighters, was thoroughly disinfected and allowed to come to dock.

The smallpox continues to spread in Glasgow, and there are now more than 450 cases in hospital.

Two cases of plague are reported from Cape Town. At both Cape Town and Cardiff, efforts are being made to exterminate the rats by offering a reward for each dead rat.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**No new plague cases in Cardiff.*

LONDON, ENGLAND, February 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report regarding the health of Great Britain: There have been no fresh outbreaks of quarantinable diseases. The smallpox epidemic in Glasgow seems to be slowly decreasing, there being now about 400 cases in hospital. There have been no further cases of plague in Cardiff. There have been recently a considerable number of cases of typhus fever in Manchester, the majority of which can be traced to cases of infection occurring in the employees of a rag establishment. They were, however, engaged in handling only new cuttings, and all those infected were handling woolen rags.

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FRANCE.

Report on some French disinfecting apparatus, exhibited at the Paris Exposition, 1900.

[By Asst. Surg. S. B. Grubbs.]

In Class III of the Paris Exposition there are 4 exhibitors of disinfecting apparatus. While presenting no new principles, a cursory sketch of same and the circular herewith inclosed may be of interest to the Bureau.

J. Le Blanc, 52 Rue de Rendezvous, Paris, is an extensive manu-